

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

1. Please add the following at the end of the Brief Description of the Drawings:

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2. At Page 5, Line 27, change "Figure 4" to --Figures 4 and 9--.

Referring now to Figures 4 and 9 in the drawings, a drive shaft assembly 311 comprising a composite material portion, referred to herein as a composite tube 313, and captured end adapters 315a and 315b according to the present invention is illustrated. End adapters 315a and 315b are captured in composite tube 313 at end portions 317a and 317b of composite tube 313, respectively, during the process of manufacturing composite tube 313. In the preferred embodiment, composite tube 313 is a braided fiber and resin transfer molded component. Such components are typically more damage tolerant and have a higher ballistic survivability. The braided fiber may be either a two-dimensional or a three dimensional braided fiber. However, it should be understood that composite tube 313 may also be manufactured by filament winding, fiber placement, or any other processes that are deemed appropriate.

3. At Page 8, Line 4, change "In" to –As shown in Figure 10, in–.

[[In]] As shown in Figure 10, in another alternate embodiment, at least one circumferential groove 330 across lug faces 331 (not shown) and extending radially inward from lug faces 331 may be included to further facilitate bending moments. In such embodiments, it is preferred that the circumferential grooves extend radially inward to lug base 337.